

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I keep wondering, did the composer Schubert's mother forever remind him — "Little Franz, aren't you ever going to finish that Unfinished Symphony?"

For we have children in this household who would make Schubert look like a rank amateur when it comes to never completing a project they start. Not that our kids don't have high aspirations. But I'm afraid that ours would be the type who would have started to dig-out the Panama Canal enthusiastically, got half-way through, then shrugged their shoulders, saying,

"Oh, phooey, let them go around the Cape instead."

I wouldn't mind except for the capital investment in supplies and equipment each project demands. Not to mention the amount of space each of their projects require. For instance, take Patrice's budding sewing career.

Of course, what mother who doesn't sew herself wouldn't be absolutely thrilled to find one of her daughters interested in sewing? But I had a foreboding — plus a recollection of the grades she received in sewing class at school — that we didn't exactly have an experienced seamstress on our hands.

"Don't buy any clothes for the little kids," she assured me, "I'm going to outfit them for school from top to bottom." I'm glad that I didn't count on it, because they'd have gone to school in gunny sacks. Moreover, the dress she is making for herself is still on the cutting room floor — where I have to pick it up when she finds better things to do than pinning a pattern onto material.

Before that it was knitting. Well, at least the cats get a kick out of playing with the balls of yarn around the house.

Then we have Diane asking me, "What room do you want carpeted?" seated behind some sort of Suzy Q Homemaker Loom.

"I'll settle for a pot-holder," I told her. I'll still settle for a pot-holder and have since last January when she began.

But I don't think kids are the only ones who never finish a project. I have a sister, Eleanore, who has been making a hook rug ever since I can remember. I swear that like the fabled Penelope she unravels at night what she weaves during the day.

Thus it's a blessing in disguise (is there another type?) that I'm not too skilled in these things. Because once I start something, I want it finished Right Now. When I took up embroidery a couple of years back to please my mother who thought all married women should engage in fanciwork, I became an embroidering fool. I had circles under my eyes from staying up nights with a sick pillow slip.



Stocking Full Of Joy

Red and white Christmas stockings, leaving the Harbor General Hospital during these holidays, encase tiny "bundles of joy" going home for their first Christmas. All babies born from Dec. 20 through Jan. 1 are sent home in the stockings which are made by the personnel in the laundry's sewing department at the hospital. The program was instigated in 1966 by Charles Polinske, assistant laundry manager. From 150 to 175 babies are born during the holidays at Harbor General. Mrs. Antonio Larso is shown receiving her new daughter, Antonia, in a Christmas stocking, from Delia Sanchez, LVN. (Press-Herald Photo)

WWI Groups Meet Thursday

Auxiliary and Veterans of WWI Barracks have their regular business meeting tomorrow evening at 7:30, at the Hawthorne Memorial Center, 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd.

The sewing group will meet at the home of Mrs. Mary Kevany, 15332 Florwood Ave., Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A pot luck dinner is slated on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Center.

EDUCATIONAL AID

Veterans with at least 18 months of service after Jan. 31, 1955, are entitled to 36 months of him with a citation for meritorious educational assistance at \$120 per month; more for dependents.

DAR Chapter Will Hear Jose Norman

Jose Norman, one of the leading anti-Castro patriots who escaped from Cuba, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the El Redondo Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, on Jan. 3 at 1 p.m. at the American Savings and Loan Co., 205 S. Pacific Ave., Redondo.

Norman's topic will be "Castro's Hand in U.S. Turmoil." His experiences in the resistance movement have been given world-wide coverage in the press, radio and television and the American Legion presented 1965, are entitled to 36 months of him with a citation for meritorious educational assistance at \$120 per month; more for dependents.

Northern Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Potter spent last weekend in Aptos where they visited their daughter, Miss Susan Potter, an aspirant at the Mary Help of Christians convent. They also visited Mrs. Catherine Joosten, formerly of Lomita, now residing in Madonna Manor, Catholic Daughter home in Salinas.

Marina Board to Meet Valentine In Hawthorne Jan. 3 Wedding Planned

With the advent of the New Year presenting a challenge to enhance the objectives and purposes of Federation, the Executive Board of Marina District 18, CFWC will hold its fourth meeting of the year at the Woman's Club of Hawthorne, 4309 W. 121st St., Hawthorne, Friday, 9:45 a.m. Mrs. Howard E. Moulthrop, presiding. The Hawthorne Club will hostess the event, and luncheon will be served at 12 noon.

This is a most important meeting as members of both the nominating and election committees will be named. Also, final plans will be made for Marina Districts Festival of Fine Arts on Feb. 27, of which Mrs. Herman Friend is general chairman and Mrs. Alfred Inman, co-chairman, both members of the Neptunian

Club where the Festival will be held this year. The theme will cover a "Sentimental Journey" of the "Flapper" era, of some forty years ago.

Also, Marina District's upcoming Flower Show set for March 27, at the Inglewood Woman's Club will be announced by Mrs. Mike Lichter of the Rolling Hills Woman's Club. Mrs. Lichter is the District's Gardens and Beautification chairman and will have charge of the Flower Show.

Mrs. William R. Nelson, first vice-president and dean of presidents, will conduct the Presidents' Conference, and the District Chairmen's Conference will be under the supervision of Mrs. Lloyd R. Rhein, second vice-president and dean of chairmen.

Mrs. Charles Murray of Big Bear Lake and Ben Magnante of Torrance announce the engagement of their daughter DeDee, to George Moore, son of Mrs. Chet Jantzen of Sugarloaf.

The future bride attended Torrance High School and was graduated from Big Bear High School. She is employed at the Fashion Set in Big Bear Lake.

Her fiancé, also a graduate of Big Bear High School, is serving with the United States Navy aboard the USS Cantleer.

The wedding has been set for Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1969.

Hadassah Luncheon Set Jan. 7

Miss Jennie Tufield, president of the South Bay Chapter of Hadassah, announces there will be a special benefit luncheon for Youth Aliyah on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 12:30 p.m. This luncheon will be held in the recreation room of the Western Federal Savings Association, Hawthorne Ave. and Carson St., in Torrance.

Chairman for this event is Mrs. Harry Hyman, with co-hostesses Mmes. William Anton, Louis Gries, Louis Goldstick and Nan Sattan. Rabbi Bernard Wechsberg will review the book "Choose Life" by Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum.

Any woman interested in attending is invited, and may make a reservation by calling Miss Tufield, or Mrs. Louis Gries.

Party Honors Susan Gazeley

Miss Susan Gazeley was the guest of honor at a birthday dinner party at the Gazeley home, 928 Badin St. Guests for the evening were her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gazeley of Palm Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Don Wolf of Torrance; godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gazeley, Palos Verdes; and Judith, Kris, and Grant Gazeley; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gazeley.

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